



## "ENGAGING THE UNIVERSITY" CONFERENCE

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### GREAT BIBLICAL MOTIFS

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**Some motifs cross span most every topic in the university**

#### Beauty

Visual:

- macro representations – cosmology – Museum of Natural History
- micro representations – microscope

Aural:

- sounds of speech, song
- sounds of deep ocean
- sounds of Saturn
- sounds of rhyme in poetry

Cognitive:

- mathematics, logic
- poetry, prose

#### Awe/Wonder

#### Order

Discovering it – creating it – manipulating it – critiquing it – imagining it

Example: Halliday writings on Transnational Legal Orders

Cf. also Political order -- Moral order -- Physiological order of the human body

**Some motifs have an affinity with social sciences, law, and helping professions**

**Oppression** – observing it – countering it

Studies in political science, international relations, international law, sociology

**Power** – the perversions of sin – by rulers, by seductresses, by religious leaders

Studies in sociology, political science

**Justice** – redeeming power – revealing injustice – favoritism for rich, for whites, for men  
– corruption

Studies in law, political philosophy, sociolegal scholarship – amplifying what is  
justice – how it is experienced – what institutions do and do not administer  
justice

**Freedom** – Cf. Roosevelt's 4 freedoms in debates over rights in China

Freedoms from . . . want, repression, persecution . . .  
Freedoms for . . . good works, exercise of dignity . . .

### **Forgiveness**

Studies in positive psychology

### **Equality**

So many research agendas touch it explicitly, implicitly – a radical biblical theme –  
often cited by China activists

Central to scholarship in economics, sociology

### **Hope**

A topic of research in social psychology -- Issue of *Annals of American Academy Arts  
and Sciences*

**Compassion** – Law/prophets on care for the weak, vulnerable, sick, unprotected

Links to studies of altruism in anthropology, psychology

## **We look for affinities of great biblical motifs as they relate to our research**

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